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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	George Manuel	3762	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>7/9/04, 1/16/04</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Preston '461 in view of Phillips, Jr. et al '135.

Preston discloses a bipolar electrode comprising a cathode that may be attached to the distal end of lead 30 and an anode that may be attached to lead 30 proximal where the pacemaker connects to the lead 30. Preston further teaches the anode may be in the superior vena cava.

One of ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious to use the teaching of Preston with the pacemaker of Phillips, Jr. et al because the lead 10 shown in Phillips, Jr. et al is an equivalent lead to that disclosed in Preston.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Preston '461 in view of Phillips, Jr. et al '135 and further in view of Dutcher et al '090.

Preston in view of Phillips, Jr. et al meet all of the limitations of claim 5 except for the anode being perforated and arranged within a perforated silicon jacket.

Dutcher et al disclose an anode 328 and a mesh 313 and teach the lead body 314 comprises a biocompatible material, such as silicon rubber.

One of ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious to use the teaching of Dutcher et al to form the anode of Preston in view of Phillips, Jr. et al as being perforated and arranged within a perforated silicon jacket because the teaching of Dutcher et al suggest using silicon as an insulator for an anode and using a mesh which has perforations to increase tissue contact.

Claims 1-4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Preston '461 in view of Phillips, Jr. et al '135 and further in view of Herscovici et al '418.


Preston in view of Phillips, Jr. et al meet all of the limitations of claims 7 and 8 except for two anodes and two cathodes and a fork for the supply lines.

Herscovici et al teach using a common carrier 14 and provide for two cathodes and two anodes. See Fig. 1.

One of ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious to combine the lead combination of Herscovici et al with the device of Preston in view of Phillips, Jr. et al because the lead arrangement of Herscovici et al is intended to be used with a pacemaker. Further, one of ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious to provide a fork arrangement for the carrier 14 for ease of manufacture for connecting a multi-element lead to the pacemaker.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George Manuel whose telephone number is (571) 272-4952.


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